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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

1. AMBASSADOR PAID COURTESY CALL DECEMBER 10 ON MIKLOS NAGY, ACTING CHAIRMAN (AND PROBABLY SOON TO BE FULL CHAIRMAN) OF PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. NAGY WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING IN DISCUSSING HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND BILATERAL RELATIONS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO DOGMATIC APPROACH OF OFFICIALS SUCH AS FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA. SPOKE ENGLISH THROUGHOUT.

2. IN COMMENTING ON US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS, NAGY SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT GOH WAS NO LESS INTERESTED IN FURTHER IMPROVING ITS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH U.S. THAN IT HAD BEEN PRIOR TO RECENT EMPHASSES ON HUNGARIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. NAGY ADDED THAT WHILE ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO GOH, HE THOUGHT GRANTING OF MFN TO HUNGARY WOULD ALSO HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT RECENTLY PUBLISHED GUIDE-LINES FOR 11TH PARTY CONGRESS (SEE SEPTEL) CONTAIN SECTION SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF CONTACTS WITH WEST IN INFORMATION AS WELL

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AS IN CULTURAL FIELD. SUGGESTED THAT IN LIGHT OF

CAREFUL SCRUTINY UNDOUBTEDLY GIVEN THIS DOCUMENT BY
PARTY LEADERS EXPLICIT MENTION OF INFORMATION MIGHT
REPRESENT CHANGE. NOTED U.S. INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES
RESTRICTED BY GOH'S CAUTIOUS POLICY IN THIS AREA.

NAGY SAID HE DID NOT HAVE ANY DETAILED INFO
ON MEANING. BUT THOUGHT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE
IN THIS AS IN OTHER FIELDS. VERY MUCH WOULD DEPEND
ON A SUCCESSFUL MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT AT CSCE
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

4. NAGY IS A VERY IMPRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. AFTER LONG
SERVICE IN MINISTRY HE SERVED BRIEFLY AS MINISTER OF
EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THEN WAS APPOINTED TO THIS
POSITION WHEN ITS FORMER INFLUENTIAL HEAD, KOMOCSEN,
DIED. NAGY IS ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN IPU. KNOWS
SENATOR SCOTT AND CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI. WE SPECULATE
THAT HE MAY BE DESTINED FOR INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES
IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD AS HE IS STILL YOUNG MAN.
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